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For: PROCESS FOR GELATINISING STARCH USING A BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER  
MATERIAL BEARING ALDEHYDE GROUPS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 26, 2009, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: